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For: DNA FRAGMENT, METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
TRANSFORMANT FOR PROTEIN PRODUCTION  
AND UTILIZATION THEREOF (as amended)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.